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COUNTRY East Germany SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT

TOPIC Soviet loadings in the Area of the Cottbus Railroad District 25X1

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The following is a list of Soviet loadings made at 21 railroad stations in the Cottbus railroad district in August 1953:

1. Total Shipments:

Note: The figure in brackets under Load indicates the number of cars with a given load.

From	Number of Cars	Load
Brand	6	military goods
Baruth	6	timber
Cottbus	76	3 trains with undetermined load (49), soldiers and vehicles (16) ¹ , tanks and other military goods
Coschen	740	gravel 2
Crinitz	3	poles
Elsterwerda-Biehla	1	sand
Finsterwalde	25	military goods
Forst	4	clothing
Grossenhain	7	fuel
Hohenleipisch	10	sand
Koenigsbrueck	281	8 trains with undetermined load (252) ¹ , tanks (16) and other military goods

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Lieberose	103	2 trains with undetermined load (95) 1 and tanks
Peitz	94	3 trains with undetermined load 1
Ruhland	253	fuel 3
Schleife	14	fuel
Schmorkau	1	military goods
Schwepnitz	309	8 trains with undetermined load (287) 1 tanks (8) and other military goods
Vetschau	4	military goods
Weisswasser	7	poles
Welzow	192	5 trains with undetermined load (183) 1 and military goods
Wiesa near Kamenz	22	crushed rock 2

2. Some of the above shipments are broken down below:

August 1953	Number of Cars	Load and tons	From	To
1	14 F/S 201/801	military goods 70 tons	Cottbus	Ribnitz-Damgarten
2	18 201/109	" 72 tons	"	Jueterbog, Altes Lager
4	17 201/805	" 68 tons	"	Ellerholz
7	16	vehicles and soldiers	Cottbus,	Jueterbog, Altes Lager, 5
22	3	iron, 45 tons	Cottbus,	Kummersdorf, 25X1
30	1 SS	tank, 40 tons	"	Kummersdorf, 25X1
25	1 SS	" 32 tons	Cottbus,	Kummersdorf,
12	3 F	military goods 11 tons	Brand	Strausberg

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24	3 B	military goods, 40 tons	Brand	Magdeburg- Buckau
8-24	6 G	timber	Baruth	Jueterbog, Altes Lager, [redacted] 25X1
1-31	740 G	gravel	Coschen	Vogelsang 2
1 + 10	4 B 1 B	welding wire aggregates	Finsterwalde	Fuerstenwalde- South, [redacted] 25X1
5-9	2 B 4 B	welding wire aggregates	"	Muellrose [redacted]
17	2 F/S	tractors	"	Brand
8	1 T	fuel	Crossenhain airfield	Jueterbog
	5 T	fuel	"	Jueterbog Altes Lager
10	10 G	sand	Hohenleipisch	Rummelsburg, NAC
	16	tanks, 570 tons	Koenigsbrueck	Frankfurt/Oder
22	22	military goods 740 tons	"	"
3	37	" 555 tons	"	Groeditz near Riesa
4	30	" 450 tons	"	Chemnitz
15	32	" 196 tons	"	"
4	11	" 165 tons	"	Schwarzenberg
20	46	" 292 tons	"	Mechterstaedt
29	39	" 210 tons	"	Altengrabow
	35	" 230 tons	"	"
1	2	empty	"	Coswig, Dresden- Elbufer
22	3	military goods 51 tons	"	Radebeul-West
29	5	" 25 tons	"	Fuerstenwalde
8	45	military goods 750 tons	Lieberose	Berlin- Schoeneweide
21	30 F/S 5 RRy 15 B	military goods 600 tons	Lieberose	Berlin- Schoeneweide 7

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1	5	military goods	Lieberose	Frankfurt/Oder
		150 tons	"	"
	3	" .90 tons	"	"
?	52	" 265 tons	Peitz	Jueterbog)
	19	" 500 tons	"	Altes Lager)
	21	" 105 tons	"	Jueterbog) 5
				Altes Lager)
17	1 B	" 15 tons	Schmorkau	Dresden-Neustadt
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2	42 (138 a)	" 420 tons	Schwepnitz	Groeditz near)
	44 (96a)	" 500 tons	"	Riesa)
	43	" 500 tons	"	") 6
3	9 (38 a)	" 190 tons	"	")
5	57	" 1028 tons	"	Crawinkel)
	13	" 200 tons	"	")
16	48	" 480 tons	"	Grimma)
28	23	" 180 tons	"	Rueckmarsdorf)
2	2	tanks 70 tons	"	Kirchmoeser
5	6	" 200 tons	"	Roederau
2	5	military goods	"	Grimma 6
		31 tons	"	
6	8	" 120 tons	"	Wurzen
1	1 SS	tank, 40 tons	Vetschau	Peitz
	1 SS	" 40 tons	"	"
5	4	military goods	"	Buckau
		50 tons	"	
12	26	" 260 tons	"	Finsterwalde
24	24	" 140 tons	"	"
29	61	" 427 tons	"	Ribnitz-)
30	47	" 420 tons	"	Damgarten) 8
31	30	" 157 tons	"	")

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1-31 22 crushed rock Wiesa near Vogelsang 2
 Kamenz

Note: a stands for axles

B - boxcar
 G - gondola car
 F - flatcar
 F/S - flatcar with sideracks
 RRy - heavy duty flatcar
 SS - " " "
 T - tank car

1. Comment. Probably, troop trains.
2. Comment. Shipments of construction material for the Twenty Fourth Air Army for the enlargement of Schorfheide airfield.
3. Comment. Ruhland chiefly supplies the air force fuel depot in Velten. Compared with July which showed an especially high volume of outgoing shipments, the August delivery decreased by about 50 tankcars and thus, reached again the usual monthly average.

4. Comment. Of the 21 railroad stations mentioned, 12 were also listed during the preceding month. A comparison with the July shipments showed that, in August, an increased number of shipments (construction material) were loaded in Coschen, while the number of shipments loaded in Ruhland decreased.

If probable troop trains and shipments of construction material to Vogelsang, i.e. Schorfheide airfield are omitted, there remain 415 carloads of military supply traffic in the Cottbus railroad district. The volume is thus about 17 percent below the monthly average of 486 carloads determined for the first half year of 1953.

5. Comment. Other information available indicated that trains went to Jueterbog for firing practice with live ammunition from Peitz and Cottbus on 8 August. It has so far not been reported that a fourth train was dispatched from Peitz.

6. Comment. during the night of 2 August, three trains from Koenigsbrueck and Schwepnitz went to Groeditz and one to Grimma. The present report, however, which is given more credence, states that 5 shipments were dispatched to the Groeditz-Wulknitz area. Although the troops could not definitely be identified, it is assumed that they belonged to elements of the 11th Gds Tank Div and/or 8th Gds Mecz Div which transferred to the Zeithain area for joint practices with units of the 9th Tank Div. According to observations made during the loading on 4 August, medium AAA units, presumably of the 6th Gds AAA Div (US) went to Chemnitz and Schwarzenberg. (?) went to Crawinkel on 5 August. A second train could not yet be determined. Observations during the loading indicated that light AAA transferred from Koenigsbrueck to Mechterscheid and artillery units to Altengrabow. The train to Grimma on 16 August and that to Rueckmarsdorf on 28 August were reported for the first time.

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Comment. Units of the 7th Gds Mecz Div were shipped to Berlin-Schoeneweide on train [redacted] on 8 August and [redacted] on 21 August.

Comment. The shipments were presumably connected with the transfer of the Soviet training regiment for the KVP from Welzow to Puetnitz.

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